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The Honorable Jim Stamas Chair, House Government Operations State Capitol 155 CB Lansing, MI 48909

RE: MACP Support for HB 4522

Dear Chairman Stamas:

The Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police (MACP) representing over 1,000 law enforcement executives in the State of Michigan **SUPPORTS HB 4522** which amends PA 312 of 1969. This bill brings needed changes to the arbitration process during these troubled fiscal times. The provisions of HB 4522 gives added emphasis to local governments "ability to pay" and provides an equitable procedure in addressing those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas A. Hendrickson Executive Director

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